

Laws of Nebraska

Nebraska Statutes and Constitution

INFANTS AND JUVENILES

ARTICLE 34

EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

43-3401 Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council; created; membership; terms; expenses. The Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council is created. The council shall advise and assist the collaborating agencies in carrying out the provisions of the Early Intervention Act, the Quality Child Care Act, sections 79-1101 to 79-1104, and other early childhood care and education initiatives under state supervision. Membership and activities of the council shall comply with all applicable provisions of federal law. Members of the council shall be appointed by the Governor and shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Parents of children who require early intervention services, early childhood special education, and other early childhood care and education services; and

(2) Representatives of school districts, social services, health and medical services, family child care and center-based early childhood care and education programs, agencies providing training to staff of child care programs, resource and referral agencies, mental health services, developmental disabilities services, educational service units, Head Start, higher education, physicians, the Legislature, business persons, and the collaborating agencies.

Terms of the members shall be for three years, and a member shall not serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. Members shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses, including child care expenses, with funds provided for such purposes through the Early Intervention Act, the Quality Child Care Act, and sections 79-1101 to 79-1104.

Members of the Nebraska Interagency Coordinating Council serving on July 13, 2000, shall constitute the Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council and shall serve for the remainder of their terms. The Governor shall make additional appointments as required by this section and to fill vacancies as needed. The Governor shall set the initial terms of additional appointees to result in staggered terms for members of the council. The Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, and the State Department of Education shall provide and coordinate staff assistance to the council.

Source: Laws 2000, LB 1135, § 6.
Effective date July 13, 2000

43-3402 Council; advisory duties. With respect to the Early Intervention Act, the Quality Child Care Act, and sections 79-1101 to 79-1104, the Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council shall serve in an advisory capacity to state agencies responsible for early childhood care and education, including care for school-age children, in order to:

(1) Promote the policies set forth in the Early Intervention Act, the Quality Child Care Act, and sections 79-1101 to 79-1104;

(2) Facilitate collaboration with the federally administered Head Start program;

- (3) Make recommendations to the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support, the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, the State Department of Education, and other state agencies responsible for the regulation or provision of early childhood care and education programs on the needs, priorities, and policies relating to such programs throughout the state;
- (4) Make recommendations to the lead agency or agencies which prepare and submit applications for federal funding;
- (5) Review new or proposed revisions to rules and regulations governing the registration or licensing of early childhood care and education programs;
- (6) Study and recommend additional resources for early childhood care and education programs; and
- (7) Report biennially to the Governor and Legislature on the status of early intervention and early childhood care and education in the state.

Source: Laws 2000, LB 1135, § 7.
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Cross References

Early Intervention Act, see section 43-2501

Quality Child Care Act, see section 43-2601

43-3403 Council; Early Intervention Act; duties. With respect to the Early Intervention Act, the Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council and collaborating agencies shall make recommendations to the lead agency or agencies relating to:

- (1) The general administration, supervision, and monitoring of programs and activities receiving federal funds under the federal early intervention program to ensure compliance with federal law;
- (2) The identification and coordination of all available resources within the state from federal, state, local, and private sources;
- (3) The development of procedural safeguards, including procedures for complaints and appeals, to ensure that services coordination is provided to eligible infants or toddlers with disabilities or possible disabilities and their families in a timely manner pending the resolution of any disputes among public agencies or service providers;
- (4) The entry into formal interagency agreements that include components necessary to ensure meaningful cooperation and coordination; and
- (5) The coordination of interagency rules and regulations pursuant to the Early Intervention Act.

Source: Laws 2000, LB 1135, § 8.
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Cross Reference

Early Intervention Act, see section 43-2501